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Preface

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This reference aid, formatted as a weekly datebook for 1986, shows holidays and anniversary dates of historical events that are of known or potential significance for terrorists or for groups that engage in terrorism. It is intended to alert government analysts and policymakers concerned with terrorism to the potential for political violence as these dates approach.

Certain holidays and anniversaries hold special significance for some terrorist groups—especially those with an ethnic base. Such a group would be likely to time a terrorist operation to coincide with one of these dates.

Although significant dates have been included for almost every country, their citation is not intended to imply that terrorist attacks are to be expected on any of these dates. The dates are intended to serve as reference points should other information begin to accumulate indicating planning for organized violence.

Three types of dates are included:

- National holidays or important historical events.
- Dates of important terrorist attacks or counterterrorist successes.
- Dates known to be important to terrorists or insurgents, such as founding anniversaries, “martyrdoms,” and trials.

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**December 1985-
January 1986**

Terrorism is politically motivated, premeditated violence perpetrated against noncombatant targets by subnational groups or clandestine state agents, usually intended to influence an audience. International terrorist acts involve the citizens or territory of more than one country.

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30**Monday**

Philippines 1896 Execution of national hero Jose Rizal

31**Tuesday**

Afghanistan 1964 People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan founded
Philippines 1968 Founding of Communist Party/Marxist-Leninist

1**Wednesday**

Brunei 1984 Independence Day
Cameroon 1960 Independence Day
Cuba 1959 Liberation Day (day Batista government fell)
Haiti 1804 Independence Day
Palestinians 1965 Palestinian revolution; founding of Fatah
Sudan 1956 Independence Day (proclamation of republic)
Western Samoa 1962 Independence Day

2

Thursday

Tunisia	1984	Start of countrywide bread riots over removal of subsidies for bread and pasta
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3

Friday

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Saturday

Armenians	1984	Conviction of US citizen of Armenian descent for assassinating Turkish Consul General in Los Angeles on 28 January 1982
Burma	1948	Independence Day
	1974	Constitution of socialist republic adopted

5

Sunday

Laos	1956	Founding of Lao Patriotic Front
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6**Monday**

Colombia 1963 Founding of National Liberation Army (ELN)

7**Tuesday**

Cambodia 1979 Vietnamese invasion overthrows Khmer Rouge regime of Pol Pot

8**Wednesday**

South Africa 1912 Founding of African National Congress (ANC)

9

Thursday

Panama 1964 Martyrs' Day (day of mourning commemorating anti-US riots)

10

Friday

11

Saturday

Albania 1946 Proclamation of republic
Yugoslavia 1984 Suicide of two ethnic Albanian irredentists in Pristina, Kosovo, to avoid arrest

12

Sunday

Tanzania 1964 Zanzibar Revolution Day (people's republic established)

January 1986

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13

Monday

Ghana 1972 National Redemption Day (anniversary of coup)
Togo 1967 Liberation Day (military coup)

14

Tuesday

Sri Lanka Tamil New Year (old calendar)

15

Wednesday

Egypt 1918 Birthday of Jamal 'Abd al-Nasir
Ireland 1922 Founding of Irish Free State
West Germany, France 1985 Red Army Faction and Action Directe issue joint communique declaring anti-imperialist front

16

Thursday

Benin

1977

Liberation Day; Martyrs' Day (repulsion of invasion by mercenary troops from Gabon)

Iran

1979

Shah-Burning Day (departure of Shah from Iran)

17

Friday

Colombia

1974

Nineteenth of April Movement (M-19) steals sword of Simon Bolivar from Bogota Museum

18

Saturday

Egypt, Israel

1974

Disengagement Agreement

19

Sunday

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20**Monday**

Guinea-Bissau 1973 National Heroes' Day (commemorating assassination of Amilcar Cabral, founder of ruling party—PAIGC)

Iran 1981 US Embassy hostages released

21**Tuesday**

22**Wednesday**

Iran 1946 Kurdish Republic Day

Kurdish regions 1945 Qazi Muhammed uprising

St. Vincent and the Grenadines 1498 Discovery Day

Ukraine 1918 Independence Day

23

Thursday

24

Friday

Romania	1959	Union Day
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Saturday

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Sunday

India	1950	Republic Day
Romania	1918	Birthday of President Ceausescu
Tunisia	1978	Black Thursday (anniversary of labor riots)

January- February 1986

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Monday

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Tuesday

Australia	1788	Australia Day
Cuba	1853	Birthday of Jose Marti
India	1948	Assassination of Mahatma Gandhi by Hindu extremist
Italy	1982	Freeing of Red Brigades' captive US Army Brigadier General Dozier
Rwanda	1961	Proclamation of the republic

29

Wednesday

30**Thursday**

West Germany	1933	Accession to power by Nazi Party
Northern Ireland	1972	Bloody Sunday (13 killed and 16 wounded during demonstration in Derry)

31**Friday**

Guatemala	1980	The People's Front of 31 January (FP-31), a front organization of the Guerrilla Army of the Poor (EGP), takes its name from this date, on which some of its members occupied the Spanish Embassy
Nauru	1968	Independence Day

1**Saturday**

India	1984	Kashmir separatist leader Maqbool Butt executed
	1985	Kashmir Liberation Front sets off two bombs to commemorate Butt's execution
Iran	1979	Return of Ayatollah Khomeini to Iran from exile in Paris

2**Sunday**

February 1986

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3**Monday**

4**Tuesday**

Angola	1961	Beginning of armed struggle against Portugal
Sri Lanka	1948	Independence Day

5**Wednesday**

Burma	1960	Kachin Independence Army (KIA) Revolution Day
Colombia	1958	Founding of National Liberation Army (ELN)

6

Thursday

Lebanon	1984	Fall of West Beirut to Muslim militias
New Zealand	1840	Waitangi Day (national day)
Pakistan	1981	Founding of Movement for Restoration of Democracy (MRD)

7

Friday

Grenada	1974	Independence Day
Philippines	1986	Presidential election scheduled

8

Saturday

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Sunday

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10**Chinese world**

Lunar New Year (beginning of Chinese year 4684)

Monday

11**Iran**

1979

Revolution Day; "Eleventh Dawn" (the 11th day of the revolution is considered the day of victory over the old regime)

Italy, Vatican City

1929

Lateran Treaty signed (governs relationship between Italy and Vatican City)

Japan

National Foundation Day

Tuesday

12**Burma**

1947

Union Day

Wednesday

13

Thursday

Cyprus	1975	Declaration of establishment of Turkish Federated State of Cyprus
Zaire	1961	Death of Patrice Lumumba

14

Friday

15

Saturday

Colombia	1966	Death of National liberation Army (ELN) guerrilla leader and priest Camilo Torres
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16

Sunday

Lithuanian SSR	1918	Independence Day
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17**Monday**

Vietnam 1979 Invasion by Chinese troops

18**Tuesday**

The Gambia 1965 Independence Day

19**Wednesday**

Egypt, Israel 1980 Exchange of ambassadors
Nepal 1952 King Tribhuan Memorial Day
Poland 1947 People's republic established

20

Thursday

21

Friday

22

Saturday

Qatar	1972	Coup d'etat that brought Shaikh Khalifa bin Hamad al-Thani to power
Romania	1948	Founding of Romanian Workers' Party
St. Lucia	1979	Independence Day

23

Sunday

Brunei	1984	National Day
Guyana	1970	Republic Day

**February-
March 1986**

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24**Monday**

Czechoslovakia	1948	First Communist government
Ghana	1966	Liberation Day (overthrow of Nkrumah)

25**Tuesday**

Kuwait	1948	Independence Day
Suriname	1980	Day of Liberation and Renewal

26**Wednesday**

27**Thursday**

Armenians	1984	Terrorist Gouger Migirdic Yanikian of Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA) dies of old age in California
Dominican Republic	1844	Independence Day
Western Sahara	1976	Anniversary of the Saharan Democratic Arab Republic (Polisario government-in-exile)

28**Friday**

El Salvador	1977	Founding of the Popular League of 28 February (LP-28), commemorating the killing by security forces of leftists demonstrating in San Salvador against alleged election fraud
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1**Saturday**

Bulgaria	1878	Independence Day
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2**Sunday**

El Salvador	1972	Founding of People's Revolutionary Army (ERP)
Libya	1977	Establishment of Jamahiriyah (Masses' State)
Morocco	1956	Independence Day (termination of Treaty of Fez)

March 1986

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3**Monday**

Morocco

1961

Accession of King Hassan to throne

4**Tuesday**Colombia,
United States

1982

Effective date of extradition treaty aimed at narcotics traffickers

5**Wednesday**

6 **Thursday**

Ghana	1957	Independence Day
Kurdish regions	1975	Algerian Accord between Iran and Iraq abandoning support of the Kurds

7 **Friday**

8 **Saturday**

9 **Sunday**

March 1986

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10**Kurdish regions**

1979

Death of Kurdish leader Mulla Mustafa Barzani

Monday

11**Indonesia**

1966

President Sukarno turns over power to Soeharto

Tuesday

12**Wednesday****Gabon**

National Day

Mauritius

1968

Independence Day

Turkey

1880

Birthday of Ataturk

13

Thursday

Grenada

1979

Coup d'etat by Maurice Bishop (national day)

14

Friday

Japan

1975

Chukaku-ha (Nucleus Faction) Secretary General Honda assassinated by rival radical groups

15

Saturday

Angola

1962

Founding of National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA)

16

Sunday

Armenians

1921

Signing of Soviet-Turkish border treaty that ended Armenian hopes of establishing a separate independent state

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Ireland

St. Patrick's Day (national day)

Monday

18**Tuesday**

19**Wednesday**

20**Thursday**

Colombia	1981	Death of M-19 terrorist Carmenza Londono ("La Chiqui")
Tunisia	1956	Independence Day

21**Friday**

Kurdish regions		Kurdish New Year
Palestinians		"International Day of Solidarity With the Struggle of the Arab People of Palestine Against Israeli Aggressors"
South Africa	1960	"Sharpeville Massacre" of black demonstrators by security forces

22**Saturday**

Arab League	1945	Founding of Arab League (original members: Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Saudi Arabia, and Syria)
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23**Sunday**

Pakistan	1956	Pakistan Day (founding of Islamic republic)
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24**Monday**

Argentina	1976	President Isabel Peron ousted by Gen. Jorge Rafael Videla
El Salvador	1980	Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero assassinated by rightists
Northern Ireland	1972	Beginning of direct rule by the British Government

25**Tuesday**

El Salvador	1980	US Embassy attacked by Popular Liberation Forces (FPL) in response to assassination of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero the previous day; since then, FPL attacks have in general been more frequent between 25 March and 6 April than during rest of year
Greece	1821	Greek Revolution Memorial Day (celebrating beginning of independence from Turkey)
Iraq	1932	Independence Day
Saudi Arabia	1975	Assassination of King Faisal and accession of King Khalid

26**Wednesday**

Bangladesh	1971	Independence Day
Egypt, Israel	1978	Peace agreement ratified

27**Thursday****28****Friday**

El Salvador	1980	Government expropriates plantations; Salvation Movement of 28 March (MS-28) takes its name from this event
Italy	1980	Four members of Red Brigades die in shootout with Carabinieri in Genoa
Libya	1970	UK Evacuation Day (day British forces turned over bases and departed)
Palestinians		National Day

29**Saturday**

Philippines	1969	Founding of New People's Army, military arm of Communist Party of the Philippines
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30**Sunday**

Christian world		Easter Sunday
Palestinians	1976	Day of the Homeland
Turkey	1974	Death of terrorist Mahir Cayan, member of Turkish People's Liberation Party

March- April 1986

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31

Monday

Brazil 1964 President Goulart ousted by military coup
Malta National Day

1

Tuesday

Armenians The month of April is dedicated by Armenian groups to the memory of the massacre of Armenians by Turks during 1915-18
Cyprus 1955 EOKA (National Organization of the Cypriot Struggle) Day (beginning of guerrilla struggle for Greek Cypriot independence)
El Salvador 1970 Founding of Popular Liberation Forces (FPL)
 1980 US Cultural Center in San Salvador bombed and strafed by FPL
 1981 Rocket and gun attack on US Embassy by FPL
Iran 1979 Islamic Republic Day (commemorates Isfahan riots)

2

Wednesday

Argentina, United Kingdom 1982 Argentina invades Falklands; 2 April Command takes its name from this event

3**Thursday**

Guinea	1984	Coup d'etat
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4**Friday**

Hungary	1945	Liberation Day
NATO	1950	NATO established
Pakistan	1979	Zulfikar Ali Bhutto executed; the terrorist group Al-Zulfikar is named for him
Senegal	1960	Independence Day
Syria	1947	Founding of Ba'th Party

5**Saturday**

China	1976	Tiananmen riots in wake of death of Zhou Enlai
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6**Sunday**

Orthodox Greeks		Easter Sunday
Philippines	1978	Anti-Marcos demonstration; the terrorist group April 6 Liberation Movement takes its name from this event
Thailand		Chakri Day (founding of Thai royal dynasty)

April 1986

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7**Monday**

Ireland	1916	Beginning of insurrection that led to independence
Libya	1976	Student revolution
Yugoslavia	1963	Republic Day (adoption of current constitution)

8**Tuesday**

Iraq	1947	Founding of ruling Ba'th Party
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9**Wednesday**

10**Thursday**

Israel, Lebanon	1973	Israeli raid on Beirut that killed several high-ranking Palestinian terrorists
Yugoslavia	1941	Proclamation of Croatian independence

11**Friday**

Israel	1974	PFLP-GC attack on Kiryat Shemona leaves 18 dead, 16 wounded
Palestinians		Founding of Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC)
Uganda	1979	Liberation Day (fall of Idi Amin)

12**Saturday**

Liberia	1980	National Redemption Day (celebrates coup overthrowing Tolbert government)
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13**Sunday**

India	1699	Guru Gobind Singh founds Sikhism as a militaristic religion
	1919	British troops fire on Indian civilians in Amritsar (commemorated as "Jallian Wala Garden Massacre")
International		Solar New Year (Buddhist, Chinese, Southeast Asian, Hindu, Sikh, Sinhalese, and Tamil cultures)
Lebanon	1975	Phalange militiamen attack bus, triggering Lebanese Civil War
Sri Lanka	1986	Beginning of two-day Tamil and Sinhalese New Year celebrations (new calendar)
Sudan	1985	President Nimeiri ousted in coup

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14**Monday**

Hungary	1849	Independence Day
Latin America	1890	Pan-American Day (first international conference of American states)
Niger	1974	Accession of President Kountche
Spain	1931	Founding of Second Republic
Togo	1967	Assumption of presidency by Gen. Gnassingbe Eyadema

15**Tuesday**

Ireland	1916	Easter Uprising
North Korea	1912	Birthday of Kim Il-song

16**Wednesday**

Jerusalem, West Bank	1980	Palestinian Prisoners' Day
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17**Thursday**

Cambodia	1975	Liberation Day (Khmer Rouge victory)
Cuba	1961	Air Defense Day (Air Force success against Bay of Pigs invaders)
Libya, United Kingdom	1984	Libyan radicals fire on protesters outside People's Bureau in London, killing a police-woman and wounding 11 others; start of siege by British security forces
Syria	1946	Independence Day

18**Friday**

Ireland	1949	Inauguration of the republic
Israel	1983	Commemoration of the Holocaust Independence Day
Lebanon	1983	US Embassy bombed by Islamic Jihad
Panama, United States	1978	US ratification of Panama Canal Treaty
Zimbabwe	1980	Independence Day

19**Saturday**

Colombia	1970	On this day the populist National Popular Alliance (ANAPO) does poorly in national elections. Three years later, ANAPO extremists founded the 19th of April Movement (M-19) to try to take by force what they could not gain by ballot
Cuba	1961	Day of Victory at Playa Giron (Bay of Pigs)
Namibia	1960	Founding of South-West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO)
Sierra Leone	1971	Proclamation of the republic
South Korea	1960	Unrest triggered by student uprising forces President Syngman Rhee to resign and leave the country. Usually commemorated by student demonstrations

20**Sunday**

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21**Monday**

Greece 1967 National Resistance Day (anniversary of military coup)

Haiti 1971 Jean-Claude Duvalier installed as President for Life upon death of his father, Francois Duvalier

22**Tuesday****23****Wednesday**

Jewish world *Pesach* (first day of Passover)

24**Thursday**

Armenians	1915	National Day of Sorrow (commemorating Turkish massacre)
Dominican Republic	1965	Beginning of civil war
The Gambia	1970	Republic Day

25**Friday**

Egypt, Israel	1982	Sinai Day (Israeli withdrawal)
Italy	1945	Liberation Day
Portugal	1974	Revolution Day; Liberty Day (celebrates military coup that overthrew rightist government and paved the way for democratically elected government). Leftwing terrorist group Popular Forces of 25 April (FP-25) takes its name from this date
Swaziland	1967	Kingdom constituted

26**Saturday**

Jordan	1949	Transjordan becomes Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
Tanzania	1964	United Republic of Tanzania formed through union of Republic of Tanganyika and People's Republic of Zanzibar

27**Sunday**

Afghanistan	1978	Conservative Daoud regime ousted by leftwing coup
Austria	1945	Second Republic established
Sierra Leone	1961	Independence Day
Togo	1960	Independence Day

**April-
May 1986**

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28

Monday

Colombia	1983	Death in plane crash of M-19 leader Jaime Bateman
Dominican Republic	1965	US military intervention
Iraq	1937	Birthday of Saddam Husayn

29

Tuesday

Colombia	1967	Founding of People's Liberation Army (EPL)
Japan	1926	Emperor Hirohito's birthday

30

Wednesday

Guatemala	1981	Bombing of storage tank of US oil company in Guatemala City by FP-31
	1982	Bombing of US fast-food restaurant in Guatemala City by FP-31
United Kingdom	1980	Iranian Embassy seized by radicals; hostages eventually rescued by Special Air Service team
Vietnam	1975	North Vietnamese capture Saigon

1**Thursday**

El Salvador		The first week of May contains several dates of import to leftwing and rightwing elements; consequently, political violence tends to peak during this period
Jewish world		Last day of Passover
Peru	1980	Destruction of electoral material in Chuschi, Cangallo Province, marks beginning of armed struggle by Sendero Luminoso; anniversary is commemorated throughout May
Socialist world	1888	May Day (commemorates labor violence in Chicago)

2**Friday**

Argentina, United Kingdom	1982	Argentine cruiser Belgrano sunk by British naval forces in Falklands war
Jordan	1953	King Hussein assumes constitutional power

3**Saturday****4****Sunday**

China	1919	Students form Anti-Japanese Movement
Japan	1986	Tokyo Economic Summit opens (closes 6 May)
Namibia	1978	Kassinga Day (commemorates raid by South African forces that left hundreds dead)

May 1986

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5**Monday**

Ethiopia	1941	Liberation Day
Mexico	1862	<i>Cinco de Mayo</i> (commemorates victory over forces of Napoleon III)
Netherlands	1945	Liberation Day
Northern Ireland	1981	Death of Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA) member Bobby Sands in hunger strike
Paraguay	1954	Coup against elected government of President Federico Chavez by Gen. Alfredo Stroessner Mattiauda
West Germany	1955	West Germany becomes member of NATO

6**Tuesday**

Iran	1900	Birthday of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini
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7**Wednesday**

Thursday**8**

Czechoslovakia	1945	Liberation Day
East Germany	1945	Liberation Day
El Salvador	1979	Police fire into crowd on steps of San Salvador cathedral who are demonstrating solidarity with leftwing activists that had occupied French and Costa Rican Embassies on 4 May; at least 25 demonstrators are killed
Libya	1984	Armed dissidents attack Qadhafi's Azizziya barracks
West Germany	1945	Capitulation of Third Reich

Friday**9**

Albania	1945	Victory Day
Muslim world		<i>Ramadan</i> (month of fasting) begins
Poland	1945	Victory Day
Romania	1881	Independence Day
USSR	1945	Victory Day
West Germany	1976	Suicide in prison of Ulrike Meinhof, founding member of Red Army Faction (RAF)
Yugoslavia	1945	Victory Day

Saturday**10**

India	1985	Night of Sikh bombings leaves 80 dead, 200 wounded in New Delhi, other cities
Jordan		Arab Resistance Day

Sunday**11**

Chile	1983	Anti-Pinochet protests put down forcefully by government
	1984	Wave of bombings against government targets

May 1986

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Monday

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Vatican City

1981

Attempt on life of Pope John Paul II by Mehmet Ali Agca

Tuesday

14
Wednesday

Israel 1948 Republic Day (declaration of independence)

Middle East 1948 Beginning of first Arab-Israeli war

Paraguay 1811 Independence Day

Sri Lanka 1985 Tamil separatists kill more than 150 in machinegun attack on Buddhist shrine at Anuradhapura

15**Thursday****Palestinians**

1948

Palestine Day (end of UN mandate); 15 May Organization, founded in 1979 by remnant of Special Operations Group of Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), takes its name from this event

16**Friday****Peru**

1985

Sendero Luminoso group marks fifth anniversary with wave of bombings, including US Ambassador's residence and Chinese Embassy

Sudan

1983

Founding of Sudanese People's Liberation Army (SPLA) and Liberation Movement (SPLM)

17**Saturday****Lebanon, Israel**

1983

Signing of troop withdrawal accord (known as 17 May agreement)

Norway

1814

Constitution Day (independence day)

18**Sunday****Northern Ireland**

1981

Death of Provisional IRA hunger striker Raymond McCreesh

Peru

1980

Beginning of armed struggle by Maoist group Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path)

South Korea

1980

Civilian uprising in Kwangju against military rule; usually marked by student demonstrations

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19**Monday**

Cuba	1895	Death of Jose Marti
Vietnam	1890	Ho Chi Minh's birthday

20**Tuesday**

Cameroon	1972	Declaration of republic (national day)
Japan	1978	Opening of New Tokyo International Airport (Narita); annual focus of demonstrations and terrorist attacks
Saudi Arabia	1927	Independence Day
Western Sahara	1973	Polisario begins armed struggle

21**Wednesday**

22**Thursday**

Sri Lanka	1972	Republic Day
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23**Friday**

China	1951	Tibet declared to be under Chinese sovereignty
West Germany	1949	Proclamation of federal republic

24**Saturday**

Buddhist world		Birthday of Gautama Buddha
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25**Sunday**

Africa	1963	African Freedom Day; Day of Africa (founding of Organization of African Unity)
Argentina	1810	Beginning of revolution against Spain
Bermuda	1967	Bermuda Day (Constitution adopted)
Colombia	1965	Founding of Communist Party of Colombia/Marxist-Leninist (PCC/ML), the now-defunct parent organization of the terrorist group People's Liberation Army (EPL)
	1986	Presidential election scheduled
Jordan	1923	Independence Day
	1946	Constitutional monarchy established
Sudan	1969	May Revolution (coup by General Nimeiri and Revolutionary Council)
Yugoslavia	1892	Birthday of Josip Broz Tito

**May-
June 1986**

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Guyana

1966

Independence Day

Monday

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Tuesday

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France,
French Caribbean

1983

Caribbean Revolutionary Alliance (ARC) surfaces with 17 coordinated bombings

Wednesday

29**Thursday****30****Friday**

Afghanistan	1919	Independence from Great Britain achieved
Bangladesh	1981	Assassination of Ziaur Rahman
Dominican Republic	1961	Liberty Day (assassination of Gen. Raphael Trujillo)
Israel	1972	Massacre at Lod Airport by members of Japanese Red Army
Nigeria	1967	Declaration of Independence by Biafra

31**Saturday**

South Africa	1910	Union Day (four provinces merged to form Union of South Africa)
	1961	Proclamation of republic

1**Sunday**

Cameroon	1972	Proclamation of republic
Greece	1973	Proclamation of republic
Kenya	1963	Madaraka Day (beginning of self-government)
Palestinians	1976	During this month, Syria entered the civil conflict in Lebanon on the side of the Christian Phalange and against the Palestinians and their Muslim allies; in response, Palestinian renegade Abu Nidal renamed his terrorist group (then based in Iraq) the Black June Organization and began attacking Syrian targets
Tunisia	1955	Victory Day (national day)

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2**Monday**

Italy 1946 National Day (commemorates referendum in which Italian voters chose republican form of government)

West Germany 1967 Leftist student Benno Ohnesorg killed during demonstration in West Berlin. The terrorist group 2 June Movement (remnants of which eventually joined the Red Army Faction—RAF) takes its name from this incident

3**Tuesday**

United Kingdom, Israel, Lebanon 1982 Israeli Ambassador shot and critically wounded in London, triggering Israeli invasion of Lebanon

4**Wednesday**

Ghana 1979 Jerry Rawlings takes power for the first time

Israel, Lebanon 1982 First Israeli bombing of Beirut

Tonga 1970 Independence Day

Thursday**5**

Egypt	1975	Reopening of Suez Canal
Honduras	1965	Constitutional republic reestablished
Iran	1963	National Day of Mourning; Revolution Day; Day of Uprising (commemorates arrest of Ayatollah Khomeini by police under the Shah)
Middle East	1967	Beginning of Six-Day War
Seychelles	1977	Liberation Day (overthrow of President Mancham by Albert Rene)

Friday**6**

India	1984	Army storms Sikh Golden Temple in Amritsar
Israel, Lebanon	1982	Israeli forces invade Lebanon

Saturday**7**

Chad	1982	Hissene Habre seizes N'djamena
Greece	1975	Republican constitution adopted

Sunday**8**

Muslim world		<i>Id al-Fitr</i> (feast celebrating end of <i>Ramadan</i>) begins
Palestinians	1967	Founding of Palestinian terrorist group Sa'iqa (Thunderbolt)
United Kingdom		Queen Elizabeth II's birthday (national day)

June 1986

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9**Monday**

Oman 1965 Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman (PFLO) begins armed struggle

South Africa 1983 Three African National Congress (ANC) terrorists hanged

Sudan 1969 Proclamation of southern autonomy

10**Tuesday**

Argentina 1829 Malvinas Day (date from which Argentina claims sovereignty over Falklands)

Portugal Portugal Day

11**Wednesday**

Libya 1970 Evacuation Day (transfer of US bases)

Thursday**12**

Hungary	1948	Founding of Socialist Workers' Party
Philippines	1898	Independence Day (proclamation of republic)

Friday**13**

North Yemen	1974	Coup by Col. Ibrahim al-Hamidi (accession of Second Corrective Movement)
Saudi Arabia	1982	Death of King Khalid and accession of King Fahd

Saturday**14**

Argentina, United Kingdom	1982	Argentine surrender ends Falklands conflict
El Salvador	1975	Founding of Armed Forces of National Resistance (FARN)
United States, Greece, Lebanon	1985	TWA jet hijacked from Athens. After several trips between Beirut and Algiers, it remained in Beirut after 16 June. One American serviceman killed; all other passengers and crew eventually freed unharmed

Sunday**15**

El Salvador	1979	Communist Party, under Soviet and Cuban pressure, adopts policy of armed struggle; its fighting elements are called Armed Forces of Liberation (FAL)
Japan, United States	1960	Signing of Japan-United States Security Treaty. Violent protests by leftist opponents of the treaty were common on this date through the 1960s
Nicaragua	1979	Somoza regime National Guard kills 185 insurrectionists near US Embassy

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16**South Africa****1976****Riots in Soweto****Monday**

17**East and West
Germany****1953****Berlin uprising****Tuesday****France****1983****Mysterious disappearance of Corsican separatist leader Guy Orsoni****Iceland****1944****Independence Day (anniversary of establishment of republic)**

18**Egypt****1953****Evacuation Day (anniversary of proclamation of republic)****Wednesday**

19 **Thursday**

Algeria	1965	Revolutionary Recovery Day (overthrow of Ahmed Ben Bella)
El Salvador	1985	Killing of six US citizens in Zona Rosa section of San Salvador by urban commandos of the Central American Workers' Revolutionary Party (PRTC)
Kuwait	1961	Independence Day

20 **Friday**

21 **Saturday**

22 **Sunday**

South Yemen	1969	Coup by National Liberation Front
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23**Monday**

India, Canada 1985 Air India 747 downed by probable bomb over North Atlantic, killing 329. Sikh extremists based in Canada most likely perpetrators

Japan 1985 Bomb explodes in baggage handling area at Narita Airport, killing two employees; believed connected to bombing of Indian airliner over North Atlantic on same night

Luxembourg National Day

24**Tuesday**

Spain King's Day

25**Wednesday**

Mozambique 1964 Founding of the Front for the Liberation of Mozambique (FRELIMO)
1975 Independence Day

North and South Korea 1950 North Korea invades South Korea, beginning Korean war

26**Thursday**

Madagascar	1960	Independence Day
Somalia	1960	Independence Day (northern region)
South Africa	1955	African National Congress (ANC) adopts political manifesto
	1985	ANC blows up gasoline depot, power station, and water pipeline

27**Friday**

Djibouti	1977	Independence Day
France	1975	International terrorist "Carlos" (Ilyich Ramirez Sanchez, a Venezuelan) surfaces by killing two policemen in Paris
Iran	1981	Bombing of legislature kills Prime Minister Beheshti and 70 others

28**Saturday****29****Sunday**

Seychelles	1976	Independence Day
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**June-
July 1986**

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Monday

Zaire 1960 Independence Day

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Tuesday

Argentina 1974 Death of President Juan Peron
 Burundi, Rwanda 1962 Independence Day
 Canada 1867 Dominion Day
 China 1921 Founding of Communist Party
 Ghana 1960 Republic Day
 Peru Since 1980, for unknown reasons, Sendero Luminoso terrorists have attacked foreign targets during July at a rate roughly triple that of the rest of the year
 Somalia 1960 Republic Day; Independence Day (southern region)

2

Wednesday

Vietnam 1976 Unification of North and South Vietnam into Socialist Republic of Vietnam

3**Thursday****4****Friday**

Israel, Uganda, Palestinians	1976	Israeli raid on airport at Entebbe frees hostages from PFLP skyjackers
Philippines	1946	Republic Day (date on which Philippines became independent republic)
United States	1776	Independence Day

5**Saturday**

Algeria	1962	Independence Day
Cape Verde	1975	Independence Day
Pakistan	1977	Coup by Gen. Zia-ul-Haq (overthrowing the regime of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto)
Rwanda	1973	Coup by Maj. Gen. Juvenal Habyarimana inaugurates Second Republic
Venezuela	1811	Independence Day

6**Sunday**

Comoros	1975	Declaration of Independence
Malawi	1964	Independence Day
	1966	Republic Day

July 1986

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7**Monday**

Equatorial Guinea	1973	National Day (based on constitution that granted virtually unlimited powers to President Macie; constitution was abrogated when he was overthrown by his nephew, Colonel Obiang)
Solomon Islands	1978	Independence Day
Yugoslavia		Uprising Day (state holiday in Socialist Republic of Serbia)

8**Tuesday**

9**Wednesday**

Argentina	1816	Independence Day
Morocco	1929	Birthday of King Hassan II

10**Thursday**

The Bahamas	1973	Independence Day
Mauritania	1978	Armed Forces Day (commemorates military coup)

11**Friday**

Mongolia	1921	Revolution Day (celebrates independence from China)
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12**Saturday**

Kiribati	1979	Independence Day
Northern Ireland	1690	Orangemen's Day (Protestants march to commemorate victory in Battle of the Boyne)
Sao Tome and Principe	1975	Independence Day

13**Sunday**

Yugoslavia		Uprising Day (state holiday in Socialist Republic of Montenegro)
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14**Monday**

France	1789	Bastille Day
Iraq	1958	Republic Day (Army coup d'etat that overthrew monarchy and established republic)

15**Tuesday**

Brunei	1946	Sultan's birthday
Burma	1948	Communist Party founded
Cyprus	1974	Coup by Greek Army officers
Italy	1983	Four members of Italian counterterrorist team convicted of mistreating Red Brigades prisoners captured during rescue of General Dozier

16**Wednesday**

17**Thursday**

Afghanistan	1973	Republic Day (date Muhammad Daoud led military coup overthrowing his cousin King Zahir Shah and establishing republic)
Colombia	1930	Founding of Communist Party
Iraq	1968	Revolution Day (Ba'th Party coup)

18**Friday**

Spain	1936	Uprising Day (beginning of civil war); Generalissimo Franco's Day
Uruguay	1830	Proclamation of republic

19**Saturday**

Nicaragua	1979	Sandinista provisional Junta of National Reconstruction assumes office
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20**Sunday**

Colombia	1810	Independence Day
Cyprus	1974	Turkish Cypriot Peace and Freedom Day (commemorates intervention by Turkish forces)
Sri Lanka	1983	Sinhalese backlash sparked by terrorist acts of extremist Tamil separatists leaves hundreds of Tamils dead and thousands homeless
	1986	<i>Esala Poya</i> Day (largest annual Buddhist festival celebrated by majority Sinhalese)

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21**Monday**

Belgium 1831 Independence Day

Northern Ireland 1972 Bloody Friday—20 Provisional IRA bombings in Belfast kill 11 and injure 120

22**Tuesday**

Poland 1944 Liberation Day
1952 People's republic established

Sudan 1971 Countercoup ousts Communists and restores Nimeiri as head of government

Yugoslavia Uprising Day (state holiday in Socialist Republic of Slovenia)

23**Wednesday**

Egypt 1952 National Day (commemorates military coup ousting King Farouk)

Greece 1974 Resignation of military junta; return of government to civilian rule

Oman 1970 Accession Day of Sultan Qaboos

24**Thursday**

Ecuador, Venezuela	1783	Birthday of Simon Bolivar
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25**Friday**

Netherlands	1648	Independence Day
Sri Lanka	1983	Killing of Tamil prisoners in Colombo's Welikade jail exacerbates communal hatred
Tunisia	1957	Proclamation of republic

26**Saturday**

Argentina	1952	Death of Eva Peron
Cuba	1953	Day of National Rebellion (attack on Moncada Barracks by 26th of July Movement)
Egypt	1956	Nationalization of Suez Canal
Liberia	1847	Independence Day
Maldives	1965	Independence Day

27**Sunday**

Austria	1955	Restoration of sovereignty under postwar Four Powers' Agreement
North Korea	1953	Korean Victory Day (date of armistice)
Yugoslavia		Uprising Day (state holiday in Socialist Republics of Croatia and Bosnia)

**July-
August 1986**

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Peru

1821

Independence Day

Monday

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Nigeria

1966

Coup d'etat by Col. Yakubu Gowon overthows military government of Major General Aguiyi-Ironsi and establishes Federal Military Government

1975

Coup d'etat by Brig. Murtala Ramat Muhammad overthrows General Gowon and establishes Federal Executive Council

Tuesday

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Vanuatu

1980

Independence Day

Wednesday

31**Thursday**

Spain, France	1969	St. Ignatius' Day (patron saint of Basques) Founding of Basque Fatherland and Liberty (ETA)
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1**Friday**

Benin	1960	Independence Day
Switzerland	1291	Independence Day

2**Saturday**

Italy	1980	Bologna train station bombed; neofascist Armed Revolutionary Nuclei believed responsible
Vietnam	1964	Gulf of Tonkin incident
Yugoslavia	1903	Uprising Day (state holiday in Socialist Republic of Macedonia)

3**Sunday**

Burkina	1983	Coup overthrowing previous military regime (led to 1984 renaming of Upper Volta)
Equatorial Guinea	1979	Coup d'etat (Macias regime overthrown)
	1980	National Day
Niger	1960	Independence Day
Tunisia	1903	President Bourguiba's birthday

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Burkina 1984 Another coup overthrows ruling military regime

5
Tuesday

The Bahamas, Grenada, Jamaica 1962 Emancipation Day (independence from United Kingdom)

Burkina 1960 Independence Day

6
Wednesday

Bolivia 1825 Independence Day

United Arab Emirates 1966 Accession Day of Shaikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nayhan, Emir of Abu Dhabi

7**Thursday**

Ecuador	1985	Alfaro Vive, Carajo! kidnaps Guayaquil banker (later killed in rescue attempt)
Ivory Coast	1960	Independence Day

8**Friday**

Guatemala	1983	Coup by Gen. Oscar Mejia Victores overthrows President Rios Montt
West Germany	1985	Red Army Faction and French Action Directe bomb Rhein Main Airport

9**Saturday**

Northern Ireland	1971	Internment without trial introduced
Singapore	1965	Independence Day (secession from Federation of Malaysia)

10**Sunday**

Ecuador	1809	Independence Day (national day)
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11**Monday**

Chad	1960	Independence Day
Ecuador	1983	Montoneros Alfaristas steal bust of Gen. Eloy Alfaro; recognized as founding date of Alfaro Vive, Carajo! (Alfaro Lives, Damn it!)
Jordan	1952	Accession Day for King Hussein

12**Tuesday**

Northern Ireland	1689	Protestant commemorative marches mark day apprentice boys locked gates of Derry against James II's forces
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13**Wednesday**

Central African Republic	1960	Independence Day
Cuba	1927	Fidel Castro's birthday
Morocco, Libya	1984	Union established

14**Thursday**

Bahrain	1971	Independence Day
Pakistan	1947	Independence Day

15**Friday**

Bangladesh	1975	Military coup and assassination of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman
Congo	1960	Independence Day (overthrow of Youlou regime)
India	1947	Independence Day
Muslim world		<i>Id al-Adha</i> (commemorates Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son)
North and South Korea	1945	Liberation Day

16**Saturday**

Cyprus	1960	Independence Day
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17**Sunday**

Gabon	1960	Independence Day
Indonesia	1945	Independence Day (proclamation of republic)

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18**Monday**

19**Tuesday**

Czechoslovakia	1968	Invasion by Soviet and Warsaw Pact troops
United States, Libya	1981	US planes down two Libyan fighters over Gulf of Sidra

20**Wednesday**

Morocco	1953	King's and People's Revolution
Senegal	1960	Independence Day (withdrawal from Mali Federation)

21

Thursday

Afghanistan	1919	Independence Day
Muslim world	1969	<i>Al-Aqsa</i> Day (anniversary of fire that desecrated mosque in Jerusalem)
Philippines	1983	Assassination of Benigno Aquino by government security forces

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Romania	1944	Liberation Day
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25**Monday**

France	1944	Liberation Day
Uruguay	1825	Independence Day

26**Tuesday**

Hong Kong	1945	Liberation Day
Namibia	1966	Namibia Day (South-West Africa came under UN control)

27**Wednesday**

Nigeria	1985	Buhari regime overthrown by coup
Northern Ireland	1979	Assassination of Earl Mountbatten by Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA)

28**Thursday**

Colombia	1985	M-19 guerrilla leader Ivan Marino Ospina killed by security forces
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29**Friday**

Czechoslovakia	1944	Slovak nationalist uprising
United States, Palestinians	1969	First hijacking of US airliner by Palestinians

30**Saturday****31****Sunday**

Libya, Shia world	1978	Lebanese Shia cleric Imam Musa Sadr disappears in Libya
Malaysia	1957	Freedom Day; Malaysia Day (independence from United Kingdom)
Poland	1980	Solidarity trade union founded
Trinidad and Tobago	1962	Independence Day

September 1986

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Monday

Central African Republic 1981 Coup brings Kolingba regime to power

Ethiopia 1961 Eritreans begin armed struggle

Libya 1969 Coup overthrows monarchy
1973 Oil companies nationalized

Palestinians 1970 During this month, the Jordanian Army drove the Palestinian guerrillas out of the country because they would not stop attacking Israel from Jordanian soil; in response, the largest group, Fatah, established the covert Black September Organization, best known for its attack on the Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympics in Munich

West Germany, Europe 1939 Antiwar Day (anniversary of Nazi invasion of Poland)

2

Tuesday

South Africa Settlers' Day

Vietnam 1945 Independence Day

3

Wednesday

Belgium 1944 Liberation Day

Peru 1982 Death of Sendero Luminoso leader Edith Lagos

Qatar 1971 Independence Day

Vietnam 1969 Death of Ho Chi Minh

4**Thursday**

Chile	1970	Election of President Salvador Allende
Iran, Iraq	1980	Date Iraq charges Iran started war

5**Friday**

France, Saudi Arabia	1973	Palestinians seize Saudi Embassy in Paris
Italy, Israel	1973	El Al plane rocketed by Palestinians in Rome
Muslim world		<i>Ra's al-Sannah</i> (Islamic new year—1407)
Senegal	1960	Declaration of republic
United States, Israel, Egypt	1978	Beginning of Camp David meetings
West Germany	1972	Munich Olympics massacre: Black September Organization kills 11 Israelis; five Arab terrorists and a West German policeman also die

6**Saturday**

Palestinians	1970	Beginning of four-day multiple airline hijacking by PFLP: US plane destroyed in Cairo; second US plane, Swissair DC-8, and British DC-8 all destroyed in Jordan; attempted hijacking of El Al plane
Swaziland	1973	Independence Day

7**Sunday**

Brazil	1822	Independence Day
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India	1982	Death of Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, the "Lion of Kashmir"
Lithuanian SSR	1918	National Day (beginning of independence from Russia during period between world wars)

9

Tuesday

Bulgaria	1944	Liberation Day (national day)
China	1976	Death of Mao Zedong
North Korea	1948	National Day

10

Wednesday

Belize	1798	National Day (Battle of St. George's Bay)
El Salvador	1985	Kidnaping of President Duarte's daughter by leftist guerrillas
Guinea-Bissau	1974	Republic Day (independence from Portugal)
Turkey	1922	Founding of Turkish Communist Party

11**Thursday**

Chile	1973	Anniversary of coup overthrowing Allende by military junta led by Augusto Pinochet
Ethiopia	1952	Return of Eritrea from Italian and British control under UN resolution
Philippines		Birthday of President Ferdinand Marcos

12**Friday**

Ethiopia	1974	National Day (commemorates overthrow of Haile Selassie)
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13**Saturday**

14**Sunday**

Lebanon	1982	Assassination of Phalangist leader and Lebanese President-elect Bashir Gemayel
Muslim world		<i>Ashura</i> (commemorates assassination of Imam Hassan)

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15**Monday**

Costa Rica, 1821 Independence Day
 El Salvador,
 Guatemala,
 Honduras,
 Nicaragua

Lebanon 1982 Israeli invasion of Muslim West Beirut

16**Tuesday**

Japan 1971 Toho intersection incident (three police officers killed, 55 demonstrators arrested); trials still in progress

Mexico 1810 Independence Day

Papua New Guinea 1975 Independence Day

17**Wednesday**

Lebanon 1982 Massacre in Shatila and Sabra refugee camps (17 September Organization takes its name from this event)

United States, 1978 Signing of Camp David Agreement
 Israel, Egypt

18**Thursday**

Chile	1810	Independence Day
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19**Friday**

St. Christopher and Nevis	1983	Independence Day
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20**Saturday**

Iran, Iraq	1980	Usually recognized date of outbreak of Iran-Iraq war
Lebanon	1984	Bombing of US Embassy Annex
South Korea	1986	Asian Games open in Seoul (continue through 7 October)

21**Sunday**

Belize	1981	Independence Day
Malta	1964	Independence Day
Philippines	1972	Martial law established
	1985	Militia disperses demonstrators in Escalante, killing 20 (dubbed "Escalante massacre" by opposition)

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22**Monday**

Mali 1960 Independence Day (proclamation of republic)

23**Tuesday**

New Zealand 1907 Dominion Day
Saudi Arabia 1932 Unification of the kingdom
 1964 National Day

24**Wednesday**

Ghana 1979 Inauguration of Third Republic

25**Thursday**

Egypt, Jordan	1984	Resumption of diplomatic relations
Mozambique	1964	Revolution Day

26**Friday**

North Yemen	1962	Proclamation of republic (anniversary of revolution)
South Yemen	1962	National Day

27**Saturday**

Spain		Basque National Party (PNV) Day
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28**Sunday**

Egypt	1970	Death of Jamal 'Abd al-Nasir
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Monday

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Tuesday

Botswana	1966	Independence Day
Indonesia	1965	Abortive Communist coup

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Wednesday

China	1949	National Day (Communist victory over Nationalist forces)
Cyprus	1960	Independence Day
Indonesia		Pancasila Day (celebrated five-point national ideology)
Nigeria	1960	Independence Day
	1963	Republic Day
Spain	1936	Generalissimo Franco assumes power
	1975	Four policemen killed in Madrid by First of October Antifascist Resistance Group (GRAPO)
	1976	GRAPO claims responsibility for series of coordinated bombings
Tunisia, Israel, Palestinians	1985	Israeli bombing of PLO headquarters in Tunis

2**Thursday**

Belgium	1984	Communist Combatant Cells (CCC) begin first bombing campaign
Guinea	1958	Independence Day (proclamation of republic)

3**Friday**

Iraq	1932	Independence Day
Jewish world		<i>Rosh Hashanah</i> (new year) begins; celebration ends on 5 October

4**Saturday**

Lesotho	1966	Independence Day (day Moshoeshoe II took oath of office as king for life)
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5**Sunday**

Portugal	1910	Proclamation of republic
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Monday

China	1976	Arrest of "Gang of Four"
Egypt	1973	Armed Forces Day (commemorates October War with Israel)
	1981	Assassination of President Anwar Sadat
Israel, Arab world	1973	Arab-Israeli war
Thailand	1976	Military coup against civilian rule; police storm Thammasat University

7

Tuesday

Botswana	1966	Independence Day
East Germany	1949	Republic Day
Italy, Egypt, United States, Palestinians	1985	Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro hijacked by members of Palestine Liberation Front. One American tourist killed; terrorists release hostages in Egyptian waters on 9 October, flee country next day
Libya	1970	Fascist Evacuation Day (departure of last Italian settlers)
Peru		Founding of Communist Party (usually marked by Sendero Luminoso attacks)

8

Wednesday

Argentina	1895	Birthday of Juan Peron
Belgium	1984	Communist Combatant Cells (CCC) bombs Honeywell offices
	1985	CCC bombs gas company
Cuba	1967	Heroic Guerrilla Day (death of Che Guevara in Bolivia)

9**Thursday**

Burma, North and South Korea	1983	North Korean commandos detonate massive bomb in Rangoon in attempt to assassinate South Korean President, killing 19 South Korean and Burmese officials
Uganda	1962	Independence Day

10**Friday**

Bolivia	1982	Siles government assumes power
El Salvador	1980	Founding of Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN)
Fiji	1970	Independence Day
Italy, Egypt, United States, Palestinians	1985	US fighter planes divert to Italy Egyptian airliner carrying Achille Lauro hijackers
Taiwan	1911	Anniversary of revolution that led to founding of Republic of China

11**Saturday**

North Yemen	1977	Assassination of President Col. Ibrahim Mohammed el Hamadi
Panama	1968	Revolution that brought Omar Torrijos to power
	1972	Constitution Day
South Africa		"International Day of Solidarity With South African Political Prisoners"
Yugoslavia	1943	Uprising Day (anniversary of founding of Macedonian Liberation Army; holiday in Socialist Republic of Macedonia)

12**Sunday**

Chile	1965	Movement of Revolutionary Left (MIR) founded
Equatorial Guinea	1968	Independence Day
Jewish world		<i>Yom Kippur</i> (Day of Atonement)
United Kingdom	1984	Bombing by Provisional IRA of Conservative Party conference in Brighton

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13**Monday**

14**Tuesday**

Madagascar	1958	Proclamation of republic
South Yemen	1967	Independence Day
Thailand	1973	Overthrow of military dictatorship and return to civilian rule
West Germany	1985	Revolutionary Cells bombs economic targets to commemorate 1977 suicides of Andreas Baader and Gudrun Ensslin
Zaire	1930	Birthday of President Mobutu Sese Seko

15**Wednesday**

16**Thursday**

17**Friday**

18**Saturday**

Greece	1981	Panhellenic Socialist Party (PASOK) wins elections
Oman		National Day
West Germany	1977	West German commandos storm PFLP-hijacked Lufthansa plane in Mogadishu, Somalia, freeing all hostages; imprisoned RAF terrorists Andreas Baader, Jan Karl Raspe, and Gudrun Ensslin subsequently commit suicide

19**Sunday**

Grenada	1983	Execution of Prime Minister Maurice Bishop by leftists seizing power
South Africa	1977	Crackdown on black-consciousness organizations

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Monday

Guatemala 1944 Revolution overthrowing Ubico regime and leading to postwar period of reform

Mongolia 1921 Independence Day

21
Tuesday

Japan 1966 International Antiwar Day

1978 Beginning of construction of Narita Airport (usually marked by 10 days of demonstrations)

Somalia 1969 Anniversary of revolution that brought Siad Barre to power

22
Wednesday

23**Thursday**

Hungary	1956	Revolt against Soviet occupation
Lebanon	1983	Bombing by Islamic Jihad of US and French components of the Multinational Force— 299 killed

24**Friday**

Egypt	1956	Popular Resistance Day; Suez Day
Zambia	1964	Independence Day

25**Saturday**

Grenada	1983	US intervention
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26**Sunday**

Austria	1955	Revolution Day (departure of last post-World War II occupation forces)
Iran		Birthday of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi
Palestinians	1974	Rabat summit conference decides PLO is sole representative of Palestinians

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27
Monday

Czechoslovakia 1918 Independence Day

28
Tuesday

Cyprus Greek National Day (observed by Greek Cypriot community)

Spain 1982 Socialist victory in general election

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Wednesday

Cyprus 1973 Turkish Republic Day (observed by Turkish Cypriot community)

Middle East 1956 Israel, France, and the United Kingdom capture Suez Canal

Turkey 1923 Independence Day (proclamation of republic)

30**Thursday****31****Friday**

India	1984	Assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi by her Sikh bodyguards, triggering anti-Sikh riots throughout northern India
Iran	1980	Reza Pahlavi declares himself Shah of Iran in exile
Turkey		In late October and November, terrorist activities by the leftwing group Dev Yol have been more numerous than in other months; attacks in 1982 and 1983 appear to have been made in protest of a referendum and an election during November of those years

1**Saturday**

Algeria	1981	Revolution Day
Antigua and Barbuda	1981	Independence Day

2**Sunday**

Palestinians	1917	Balfour Day (anniversary of declaration committing Britain to set up Jewish homeland in Palestine)
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3			Monday
Dominica	1978	Independence Day	
Italy	1918	National Unity Day	
Panama	1903	Independence Day	
South Korea	1929	Students' Day (student protests against Japanese rule in Kwangju)	

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4			Tuesday
Iran	1963 1979	Exile of Ayatollah Khomeini to Turkey Seizure of US Embassy by student radicals	
Peru	1790 1983	Indian leader Tupac Amaru leads revolt against Spanish rule Founding of Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA) and People's Revolutionary Command (CRP)	

5			Wednesday
United Kingdom	1605	Guy Fawkes Day (Catholic plot to bomb Parliament thwarted)	

6**Thursday**

Morocco	1979	Green March Day (anniversary of march by unarmed Moroccan citizens into Spanish Sahara)
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7**Friday**

Burkina	1982	Coup overthrows government
Communist world	1917	Great October Socialist Revolution

8**Saturday**

9**Sunday**

West Germany	1938	<i>Reichskristallnacht</i> (Crystal Night—outbreak of anti-Jewish violence)
	1974	Death of RAF terrorist Holger Meins from hunger strike

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10**Monday**

Philippines	1977	Capture of Communist Party founder and Chairman Jose Maria Sison
Turkey	1938	Death of Kemal Ataturk

11**Tuesday**

Angola	1975	Independence Day
Colombia	1957	Declaration of war on central government by People's Liberation Army (EPL)
Mauritania	1984	Coup that brought current regime to power
Zimbabwe	1965	Independence Day

12**Wednesday**

Austria	1918	Republic Day
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Thursday

Syria 970 Hafiz al-Assad assumes power

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Friday

Guinea-Bissau 1980 Coup overthrows government

Jordan 1935 King Hussein's birthday

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Saturday

Brazil 1889 Proclamation of republic

Cyprus 1983 Turkish Cypriot unilateral declaration of independence

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Sunday

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17**Monday**

Greece 1973 Student uprising at Athens Polytechnic University (terrorist group 17 November Revolutionary Organization takes its name from this incident)

18**Tuesday**

Latvian SSR 1918 National Day
Morocco 1955 Independence Day
Oman 1940 Sultan Qaboos bin Said's birthday

19**Wednesday**

Ireland 1798 Death of Wolfe Tone, first Irish revolutionary (annual nationalist pilgrimage)
Mali 1968 Liberation Day

20**Thursday**

Colombia	1983	Passage of amnesty law and legalization of 19th of April Movement (M-19)
Mexico	1910	Anniversary of revolution overthrowing Diaz regime
Saudi Arabia	1979	Occupation of Grand Mosque in Mecca by conservative Muslims inspired by Iran; attackers held out for two weeks. At least 385 persons killed, including 300 attackers, 65 Saudi soldiers, and 20 hostages
Spain	1936	Death of Jose Antonio Primo de Rivera (founder of Falange)
	1975	Death of Gen. Francisco Franco and accession of King Juan Carlos

21**Friday**

Grenada	1973	"Bloody Monday" (death of New Jewel Movement members)
Libya	1949	Proclamation Day (UN resolution on Libyan independence)

22**Saturday**

Lebanon	1943	Independence Day
Pakistan	1979	Sacking of US Embassy in Islamabad in reaction to rumors of US complicity in takeover of Grand Mosque in Mecca
Spain	1975	Proclamation of Juan Carlos as King

23**Sunday**

Malta, Egypt	1985	Egyptian plane hijacked, diverted to Malta. One American murdered, two others wounded.
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Monday

Malta, Egypt	1985	Egyptian troops storm hijacked plane; 57 passengers and crew killed, one hijacker captured
Zaire	1965	Revolution Day (Second Congolese Republic established)

25

Tuesday

Greece	1973	Coup leading to end of military rule
Muslim world	571	Birth of Prophet Mohammad
Suriname	1975	Independence Day

26

Wednesday

Mongolia	1924	Founding of republic
United States, Iraq	1984	Renewal of diplomatic relations

27**Thursday****Philippines**

Birthday of slain opposition leader Benigno Aquino

28**Friday**

Albania	1912	Independence Day
	1944	Liberation Day
Burundi	1966	Proclamation of republic
Chad	1958	Proclamation of republic
Indonesia	1975	Fretilin declares East Timor independent
Lebanon	1936	Founding of Phalange Party
Mauritania	1960	Independence Day
Panama	1821	Independence from Spain

29**Saturday**

Israel	1947	Proclamation Day
Palestinians	1947	International Day of Solidarity With the Palestinian People (anniversary of partition)
Yugoslavia	1945	Republic Day

30**Sunday**

Barbados	1966	Independence Day
Benin	1975	National Day
South Yemen	1967	Independence Day
	1970	Constitution promulgated

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Central African Republic	1958	National Day (proclamation of republic)
Iceland	1918	Independence Day
Portugal	1640	Independence Day
Thailand	1942	Founding of Communist Party
Yugoslavia	1918	First independent state constituted

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Tuesday

El Salvador	1980	Murder of four American nuns by government troops
Laos	1975	National Day (proclamation of republic)
Philippines	1985	Military officers acquitted in Aquino trial
United Arab Emirates	1971	Abu Dhabi National Day (federation of independent emirates took effect)

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Wednesday

Peru	1934	Birthday of Sendero Luminoso leader Abimail Guzman
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Thursday

Spain 1892 Generalissimo Francisco Franco's birthday

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Friday

Spain 1982 Death of GRAPO leader Martin Luna

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Finland 1917 National Day (commemorates independence from Russia)

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Burma 1920 Student uprising against British rule
Ivory Coast 1960 Independence Day

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8**Monday**

Greece	1974	Declaration of parliamentary republic
Suriname	1982	Execution of 15 opposition leaders

9**Tuesday**

Tanzania	1961	Independence Day
	1962	Republic Day

10**Wednesday**

Angola	1956	Founding of Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA)
Middle East	1966	Founding of Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP)

11**Thursday**

Burkina	1958	Republic Day
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12**Friday**

Europe	1979	NATO decision to modernize nuclear forces by installing Pershing II and ground-launched cruise missiles
Kenya	1963 1964	Independence Day Republic Day
Kuwait	1983	Bombing of US Embassy and other facilities by members of Iraqi Dawa Party

13**Saturday**

Malta	1974	Republic Day
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14**Sunday**

Chile	1983	Founding of Manuel Rodriguez Patriotic Front (FPMR)
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15**Monday**

16**Tuesday**

Bahrain	1961	Accession of Shaykh Isa bin Salman Al Kalifah
	1971	Independence Day
Bangladesh	1971	Victory Day (de facto independence)
	1972	Republican constitution becomes effective
South Africa	1961	Founding of military arm of African National Congress (ANC), Umkonto we Sitzwe

17**Wednesday**

Bhutan	1907	National Day
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Niger

1958

Republic Day

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Ireland

1948

Proclamation of republic

Nepal

1923

Independence Day

Palestinians

1967

Founding of Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO)

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22**Monday**

23**Tuesday****Egypt**

1956

Victory Day (withdrawal of foreign forces from Port Said and Suez)

24**Wednesday****Libya**

1951

Independence Day

25**Thursday**

Afghanistan	1979	Beginning of occupation by Soviet troops
Christian world		Christmas
Pakistan	1876	Quaid-i-Azam's birthday

26**Friday**

China	1893	Mao Zedong's birthday
Philippines	1968	Communist Party of the Philippines founded by Jose Maria Sison on Mao's birthday

27**Saturday**

Indonesia	1949	Transfer of sovereignty from Netherlands
Jewish world		<i>Chanukah</i> (Festival of Lights) begins (ends on 3 January)

28**Sunday**

Latin America		Equivalent of US April Fools' Day—traditionally sees many hoaxes and bomb threats
Nepal	1945	National Day (king's birthday)

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29**Monday**

30**Tuesday****Philippines**

1896

Execution of national hero Jose Rizal

31**Wednesday****Afghanistan**

1964

People's Democratic Party founded

Philippines

1968

Founding of Communist Party/Marxist-Leninist

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